Preparations for Commonwealth Games

†*510. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether preparations have been completed by Government for the Commonwealth Games to be held in the year 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the games of Indian style which have been included in the Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The preparations for the Games are continuing apace. The details of preparations made so far are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) No game of Indian style has been included in the Commonwealth Games because the games are organised in terms of rules framed by the commonwealth Games Federation. However, the games like Hockey, Archery, Athletics, Wrestling etc. in which Indian teams have traditionally excelled; have been included in the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Statement

A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These include a Core Group of Minister (GoM) under the Co-Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating various matters related to CWG 2010; the Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GoM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor

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Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility with specific reference to security, law and orders and matters coming under DDA.

The locations for the various competitions venues, and the major non-competition venues *viz.* International broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC), have been agreed to between all the stakeholders. All the stakeholders have indicated their specific time lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.*, finalization of detailed design and estimates, commencement of tendering process, award of work, commencement of work, completion of work and handing over to OC. It is expected that work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects will commence between June-August, 2007 and the venues will be handed over to the OC by the end of 2009. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects. Another Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Urban Development to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for developing adequate tourist accommodation in the context of the Commonwealth Games, an inter-ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting the Central Government clearance in respect of Hotels coming in Uttar Pradesh has also been set up under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

For preparation and to improve the performance of the Indian contingent for commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussion are being hold with all the stakeholders.

Government have approved project proposals of Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000 crores (± 10%) for upgradation/creation of venue infrastructure; upgradation of tennis venue by All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores. (± 15%) and expenditure budget of Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (± 15%) for 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (± 25%) for the international zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed on Public Private Partnership Model) and sports infrastructure.

The Planning Commission has approved a proposal for the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games.

Planning Commission has also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Govt. of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth games 2010.

Pending applications for fund allocation

†*511. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-Governmental voluntary organizations whose applications, including complete projects, from the State of Uttarakhand, especially from Pauri Garhwal for the year 2007-08 are pending in the Department of Youth Affairs for fund allocation; and

(b) if so, by when funds would be allotted to such organizations and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) In all 13 proposals were received from voluntary organizations from the State of Uttarakhand for the year 2006-07 under four youth welfare schemes namely Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, Promotion of National Integration, Promotion of Adventure and Promotion of Youth Activities and Training. Out of these, 8 proposals have been considered and five proposals, which were found in order, were approved. The remaining 5 proposals will be taken up for consideration during the year 2007-08. There is no delay. There is no proposal from Pauri Garhwal in the list of 13 proposals received in the Ministry.

Special cell for indian women married to NRIs

*512. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established a special cell to solve the grievances of the Indian women married to NRI husbands and being harassed;

(b) if so, how many cases have been registered so far in connection with the harassment by NRI husbands; and

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